

Members of the Energy Committee,

I am disturbed to learn that the Energy Committee is considering a deeply flawed shared solar bill, HB-5427. Instead of clarifying the existing shared solar law, Public Act 15-113, it creates new delays and obstacles.

I want you to know that I am one of the many people in Connecticut who want shared solar now. My house does not face South and my neighbor's trees block much of the available sunlight. This is a problem faced by a large majority of Connecticut residents.

Our current pilot program is too little too late. Massachusetts and other states are way ahead of us. We used to be a leader in renewable energy and planning for climate change. We should be doing everything possible to take full, speedy advantage of solar technology, for our economy, the jobs solar can create, and our climate. It is high time to move to a full shared solar program now!

Public Act 15-113 should be implemented immediately.

We cannot have project financing be less than 25-30 years.

It is time to establish a full-scale solar program that does not limit the number of projects or the total megawatts.

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